

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the lid comprising:
 - a cover adapted to be attached to the container, the cover having an uppermost top wall with both an opening and a slot, the cover further having a sidewall depending downward from an outer edge of the top wall, and a mounting portion extending outward from a lower edge of the sidewall, the cover further having a tab extending outward from the cover; and
 - an element rotatably supported by the cover, the element having an aperture and an actuator accessible through the slot, wherein the element is moveable by manipulation of the actuator between a first position wherein the aperture is misaligned with the opening, and a second position wherein the aperture is aligned with the opening.
2. (Original) The lid of claim 1 wherein the cover has an annular top wall and the opening is positioned in the top wall.
3. (Original) The lid of claim 2 wherein the slot is positioned in the annular top wall.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The lid of claim 1 wherein the tab extends radially outward from the mounting portion.
6. (Original) The lid of claim 5 wherein the tab has a first segment, a sloped second segment, and a third segment.
7. (Original) The lid of claim 5 wherein the tab has a curvilinear peripheral edge.
8. (Original) The lid of claim 1 wherein the cover has at least one support member extending radially inward from an inner surface of the cover, wherein the support member rotatably supports the element.
9. (Original) The lid of claim 8 wherein the support member is positioned proximate the opening of the cover.
10. (Original) The lid of claim 8 wherein the cover has a side wall with a recessed portion, the support member extends from the recessed portion near the opening of the cover.

11. (Original) The lid of claim 1 wherein the element has a projection that is received by the opening in the first position.
12. (Original) The lid of claim 1 wherein the aperture and the opening are cooperatively dimensioned such that a passageway is formed in the second position, the passageway permitting the flow of the substance through the lid.
13. (Previously Presented) The lid of claim 1 wherein the element has a projection, and wherein the projection is received by the opening in the first position and offset from the opening in the second position.
14. (Original) The lid of claim 1 wherein the actuator is a post that extends from the element and a portion of the post is received in the slot.
15. (Original) The lid of claim 1 wherein the element has a disk-shaped configuration.
16. (Original) The lid of claim 1 wherein the element has a ring-shaped configuration.

17-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method for assembling a lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the method comprising the following steps:
 - providing a cover configured to be attached to the container, the cover having an opening and a slot;
 - providing a rotatable element having an aperture and an upwardly extending actuator;
 - positioning the cover against at least one external guide to fix the angular position of the cover; and,
 - moving [[positioning]] the rotatable element [[within an]] along a substantially vertical path and towards a lower interior region of the cover such that the actuator [[is aligned with]] enters the slot.
31. (Currently Amended) A method for assembling a lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the method comprising the following steps:

providing a cover configured to be attached to the container, the cover having an opening and a slot, the cover further having a tab extending outward from the cover;

providing a rotatable element having an aperture and a[[n]] upwardly extending actuator;

positioning the tab of the cover between a pair of external guides to fix the angular position of the cover; and,

moving [[positioning]] the rotatable element along a substantially linear path and into [[within]] an interior region of the cover such that the actuator extends through the slot.

32. (Currently Amended) A method for assembling a lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the method comprising the following steps:

providing a cover configured to be attached to the container, the cover having an opening, a slot, and at least one support member, the cover further having a tab extending outward from the cover;

providing a rotatable element having an aperture and a[[n]] upwardly extending actuator;

positioning the tab of the cover between a pair of external guides to fix the angular position of the slot; and,

moving [[positioning]] the rotatable element along a substantially linear path and into [[within]] an interior region of the cover such that the actuator extends through the slot and the element is rotatably supported by the support member of the cover.

33. (Previously Presented) A lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the lid comprising:

a cover having a mounting portion to attach the lid to the container, the cover having an annular top wall with an opening and a slot, the cover further having a recessed portion inward of the top wall, the cover further having a curvilinear tab extending radially outward from the mounting portion; and

an element rotatably supported by the cover, the element having an aperture and an actuator accessible through the slot, wherein the element is moveable by manipulation of the actuator between a first position wherein the aperture is misaligned with the opening, and a second position wherein the aperture is aligned with the opening.

34. (Original) The lid of claim 33 wherein the cover has at least one support member wherein the element is rotatably supported by the support member.

35. (Original) The lid of claim 34 wherein the support member extends radially inward from a side wall of the cover.

36. (Original) The lid of claim 34 wherein the support member depends from a top wall of the cover.

37. (Original) The lid of claim 36 wherein the support member has a horizontal component that rotatably engages the element.

38. (Original) The lid of claim 37 wherein the element has a ring-shaped configuration.

39-40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the lid comprising:

a cover adapted to be attached to the container, the cover having a slot and an uppermost top wall with an opening, an outer periphery and a substantially circular inner periphery, the cover further having a sidewall depending downward from an outer edge of the top wall, and a mounting portion extending outward from a lower edge of the sidewall to define an outermost periphery of the cover;

an element having a circular outer periphery, an aperture and an actuator accessible through the slot, wherein the element is moveable by manipulation of the actuator between a first position wherein the aperture is misaligned with the opening, and a second position wherein the aperture is aligned with the opening; and

the cover having means for rotatably supporting the element to permit movement between the first and second positions.

42. (Currently Amended) A lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the lid comprising:

a cover adapted to be attached to the container, the cover having an opening, a slot, and a support member, the cover further having an uppermost top wall and a recessed central portion positioned inward of the top wall, the cover further having a mounting portion adapted to be attached to the container; and

a moveable element rotatably mounted on the support, the element having an aperture and an actuator accessible through the slot, wherein the element is moveable by manipulation of the actuator between a first position wherein the aperture is misaligned with the opening, and a second position wherein the aperture is aligned with the opening.

43-46. (Canceled)

47. (Previously Presented) The lid of claim 42 wherein the element has a recessed central portion corresponding to the recessed central portion of the top wall.

48. (Previously Presented) The lid of claim 42 wherein the element further has a projection, wherein the projection is received into the opening when the element is in the first position.

49. (Canceled)

50. (Original) The lid of claim 42 wherein the actuator is a post received by the slot.

51. (Currently Amended) The lid of claim 42 wherein the element is a disk.

52. (Original) The lid of claim 42 wherein the cover defines an interior region, the element positioned in the interior region.

53-65. (Canceled)

66. (Previously Presented) A lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the lid comprising:

a cover having a mounting portion for attachment of the cover to the container, the cover further having a sidewall extending vertically upward from the mounting portion and an uppermost top wall with an opening, the cover further having a slot, the mounting portion having an outwardly extending tab; and

an element rotatably supported by the cover, the element having an aperture and an actuator accessible through the slot, wherein the element is moveable by manipulation of the actuator between a first position wherein the aperture is misaligned with the opening, and a second position wherein the aperture is aligned with the opening.

67. (Previously Presented) The lid of Claim 66 wherein the slot is located in the uppermost top wall.

68. (Currently Amended) A lid for a container holding a flowable substance, the lid comprising:

a cover adapted to be attached to the container, the cover having an uppermost top wall with an opening, the cover further having a slot[[,.]] and an outwardly extending tab, and [[the cover further having]] at least one support member extending radially inward from an inner surface of the cover; and,

an element rotatably supported by the support member, the element having an aperture and an actuator accessible through the slot, wherein the element is moveable by manipulation of the actuator between a first position wherein the aperture is misaligned with the opening, and a second position wherein the aperture is aligned with the opening.

69. (Previously Presented) The lid of Claim 68 wherein the cover has a mounting portion for connection of the cover to the container, the tab extending outward from the mounting portion.

70. (Canceled)

71. (Currently Amended) The lid of Claim 68 wherein the [[cover has an uppermost top wall, the]] slot [[being]] is located in the top wall.

72. (New) The lid of Claim 41, wherein the rotatable supporting means extends inward from an outer wall of the cover.

73. (New) The lid of Claim 41, wherein the rotatable supporting means extends inward from the sidewall of the cover.

74. (New) The lid of Claim 41, wherein the rotatable supporting means comprises a ledge formed on an inner surface of the cover.

75. (New) The lid of Claim 41, wherein the rotatable supporting means comprises a plurality of circumferentially spaced ledges formed on an inner surface of the sidewall.